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Higher education funding meetings scheduled across Colorado

Sept. 15, 2014 _ Earlier this year the Colorado legislature passed and Gov. John Hickenlooper signed into law House Bill 14-1319, which charges the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) with developing a new base funding formula to allocate state general fund dollars among the state's public institutions of higher education. The CCHE must also recommend tuition policies that ensure both accessible and affordable higher education for Colorado residents. The new funding model will be implemented in the 2015-16 academic year.

The Keystone Center and Engaged Public are facilitating public outreach meetings about HB 14-1319 across Colorado on behalf of the CCHE.

The CCHE wants to hear from students, parents, higher education faculty, administrators, and staff, representatives from K-12, business leaders, elected officials, and others interested in higher education in Colorado within the context of what the bill requires. Input from the regional outreach meetings will be synthesized and shared with the CCHE to help inform the design of the new base funding formula.

Meeting times and locations

- **Alamosa:** Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m., Adams State University, Student Union, Room TBD
- **Boulder:** Thursday, Oct. 2, 5-7 p.m., National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), The Learning Center
- **Colorado Springs:** Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:30-7 p.m., Penrose House, 1661 Mesa Ave.
- **Craig:** Thursday, Sept. 25, noon-1:30 p.m., Colorado Northwestern Community College - Craig Campus, Academic Building, Room 185

- **Denver:** Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8-10 a.m., Auraria Campus, Tivoli Student Union, Baerrensens Ballroom
- **Durango:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4-6 p.m., Fort Lewis College, Student Union, Colorado Room
- **Fort Morgan:** Monday, Sept. 22, Morgan Community College, Time and Room TBD
- **Glenwood Springs:** Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Glenwood Springs Community Center, Sopris C
- **Grand Junction:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 4-6 p.m., Colorado Mesa University, University Center, Room 213
- **Gunnison:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 8-10 a.m., Western State Colorado University, Aspinall-Wilson Center, the South Room
- **Sterling:** Monday, Sept. 22, 4-5:30 p.m., Northeastern Junior College, Hays Student Center, Tennant Art Gallery
- **Trinidad:** Tuesday, Sept. 30, 4- 5:30 p.m., Trinidad State Junior College, Sullivan Center, Pioneer Room

Meetings in development

- Aurora/East Metro
- Colorado Springs
- Fort Collins
- Golden/West Metro
- Greeley
- La Junta
- Littleton/South Metro
- Pueblo

The most up-to-date list of meetings locations dates and times can be found on the following website: <https://www.keystone.org/component/content/article/150-science-a-public-policy/education-policy/476-higher-education-funding-public-meetings.html>

To plan for the number of people attending, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BDTNC7D>. Refreshments will be served.

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